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SUBJECT: SENATORIAL LETTER TO THE SECRETARY

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER
DATED AUGUST 4, SIGNED BY THIRTEEN SENATORS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. SECRETARY: AS YOU ARE AWARE,
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE SUPPORT STRONGLY THE
CONCEPT OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST DIS-
PUTE. ON JULY 26, THE SENATE APPROVED, BY AN 87-0 VOTE,
AN AMENDMENT WHICH INCLUDED BACKING FOR "DIRECT FACE TO
FACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WITHOUT PRE-
CONDITIONS ..."

"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HOWEVER, ARE A
CAUSE FOR DEEP CONCERN. WE REFER PARTICULARLY TO PRESIDENT
SADAT'S STATEMENTS SUNDAY, JULY 30, WHICH RULED OUT ANY
TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE, THEREBY OPPOSING THE CONTINUATION
OF FACE TO FACE NEGOTIATIONS AS LONG AS ISRAEL DOES NOT
ACCEPT HIS DEMAND FOR A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED
LANDS.

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"DURING THE ARMS SALES DEBATE IN MAY, THE ADMINISTRATION
MAINTAINED THAT HELPING MEET THE PERCEIVED DEFENSE RE-
QUIREMENTS OF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, INCLUDING APPROVAL
OF THE SALE OF F-15S TO THE LATTER, WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE
IMPACT ON THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT THE
HARDENING OF ATTITUDES BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND THE LACK OF

SUPPORT BY SAUDI ARABIA IS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTING.

"ON THE EVE OF YOUR VISIT TO THE REGION, WE URGE YOU TO
MAKE CLEAR TO EGYPT AND TO SAUDI ARABIA THE NEED FOR THE
PROMPT RESUMPTION OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AS THE BEST HOPE
FOR A GENUINE PEACE. SINCERELY, (SENATORS) MCGOVERN,
EAGLETON, DANFORTH, TOWER, STAFFORD, LUGAR, MORGAN, HUMPH-
REY, CHAFEE, LEAHY, JOHNSTON, INOUE, MUSKIE. VANCE

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